


Intercultural Competence for SOF Course (ICSOF)

	Course #:	SOED-ICSOF (4.5 Days)	PDS Code:	06V
	DSN:	579-4757/4758	Comm:	850 884-/4757/4758
	CCAF Credit(s):	N/A	Enrollment By:	Open Enrollment
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	Enrollment/Registration: Please refer to the open enrollment information for specific instructions.			

■ Course Information

Target Audience: Special Operations personnel who will be engaging in direct, face-to-face interactions with international personnel as part of their duties. This includes but is not limited to: Foreign Internal Defense, Irregular Warfare, medical personnel, bilateral/multilateral exercise mission planners, Non-Standard Aviation, Civil Affairs, Military Information Support Operations, and Foreign Military Sales. This course is especially useful for personnel who anticipate going, but have not yet gone, on a deployment that requires this type of interaction. Other government personnel who work or train with international personnel will also benefit from this course.

Description: The Intercultural Competence Course is a 4.5 day course that seeks to provide attendees with general knowledge and skills to quickly and accurately comprehend, then appropriately and effectively act, in a culturally complex environment to achieve the desired effect without necessarily having prior exposure to a particular group, region or its language. Students will apply communication and negotiation skills in role-playing scenarios, and will be exposed to a variety of hands-on exercises that will challenge their own cultural norms. Additionally, the course will address topics in comparative religions, military culture, food and health concerns in an intercultural setting, and culture shock. Due to its SOF focus, the course will draw on former and current SOF personnel to discuss cases studies and lessons learned with the students. Ultimately, this course is designed as an introduction to provide a solid foundation for students to conduct further research into the cultural values and communications styles of specific countries or regions.

Course Enrollment: The course you have selected is an Open Enrollment course. This course requires no prior approval from USAFSOS faculty and course quota can be requested directly. Students may enroll for this course via BlackBoard, or by obtaining a training line number from their unit training manager. For Blackboard direct enrollment, go to the BlackBoard link below and follow the instructions. If enrolling through unit training manager (Open Enrollment link above) supply the PDS code found in the above panel, and course dates to your local training manager who will in turn reserve a course quota for you in the training system. All students should request a USAFSOS Blackboard account which enables access to specific course materials. To access Blackboard, copy and paste the following address into your browser's address bar: <https://afsoc.blackboard.com>. (We are currently unable to link directly to the USAFSOS Blackboard site per AFI 33-129, paragraph 6.91.)

Notes:

- On the first day of class, students should report between 0700 and 0730 Central Time. This course is scheduled through 14:00 on the last day of class. Course credit will not be given for early departures. Travel arrangements should be made accordingly.

Special Security Instructions:

This course is taught at the **UNCLASS** level.
Security clearance information is not required for the course you are planning on attending

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ICSOF Scheduled Offerings				
Status	Course #	Dates	Location	Notices
N/C	12G	26 Jun-2 Jul 2012	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	12E	6-10 Aug 2012	San Antonio	
N/C	12C	10-14 Sep 2012	Cannon AFB NM	
N/C	13A	10-16 Oct 2012	Hurlburt Fld	
N/C	13B	05-09 Nov 2012	Coronado, CA	
N/C	13C	10-14 Dec 2012	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13D	14-18 Jan 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13E	04-08 Feb 2013	Harrisburg, PA	
N/C	13F	26-Feb 04-Mar 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13G	15-19 Apr 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13H	13-17 May 2013	Cannon AFB, NM	
N/C	13I	11-17 Jun 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13J	15-19 Jul 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13K	12-16 Aug 2013	Coronado, CA	
N/C	13L	16-20 Sep 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	

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